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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT BY INTERNATIONAL SOLAR COMMERCIALIZATION
WORKING GROUP (ISCWG)

REF (A) STATE 128362 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 115487, (C) BAGHDAD
A-33, (D) BAGHDAD 1003 (NOTAL)

1. USINT HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT AT GOI SOLAR ENERGY
RESEARCH UNIT (SERU) TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE GOI INTEREST
IN RECEIVING ISCWG TEAM. SERU IS POART OF THE SENSITIVE
IRAQI SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION AND THE APPOINTMENT
HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED YET.

2. THIS LOW-LEVEL INQUIRY IS DEEMED PRUDENT IN VIEW OF
RECENT CRITICIXM OF THE USE OF ARAB PETROLEUM REVENUES
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY. FIRST
EXPRESSED BY RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN IN HIS
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MAY 10 SPEECH BEFORE THE ARAB ECONOMIC STRATEGY COUNCIL
MEETING IN BAGHDAD (REF C), THE THEME WAS REPEATED IN
AN EDITORIAL IN THE JUNE 2 "AL-THAWRA" NEWSPAPER WHICH
CLAIMED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY AIMS AT
REDUCING THE FUNDAMENTAL ROLE OF OIL IN THE WORLD AND
IS "A NAKED ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE THE ARAB MASSES THAT
OIL IS NO LONGER A STRATEGIC WEAPON...TO BE USED AGAINST

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ISRAEL." THE ARTICLE ALSO CRITICIZED THE LARGE ROLE PLAYED BY "REACTIONARY ARAB OIL REGIMES" IN SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT.

3. IF THE TECHNICIANS AT SERU INDICATE THAT IRAQ IS STILL INTERESTED IN THE SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAMS REPORTED IN REF D, USINT WILL APPROACH FONMIN REQUESTING AN INVITATION TO THE ISCWG TEAM.
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